

Representing Borden Parish Council – Councillor Masters, Chairman.

Matter 3 – Borden Development

The proposed slip road was only made public last week and is part of a proposal that was not in the original modifications list that went out for consultation last summer. This proposal has not been out to any public consultation and the Parish Council has not been consulted on it either. The ramifications from these newly announced highways changes are huge not only for our parish but the whole of Sittingbourne and need far more consideration and consultation than they have been subjected to.

If this new slip road goes ahead, it will be putting the jobs of 30 permanent employees at The Tudor Rose Public House and Restaurant at jeopardy. Customers use the area from the Tudor Rose down to Key Street roundabout is used for parking; Friday, Saturday and Sunday is potential loss for 30 vehicles and occupants that can be anything from 2 to 6 at lunchtimes and in the evening.

Monday to Friday Commuters (approximately 50 vehicles) use the same area for parking, to lose this will mean that they will try to park further down Chestnut Street, which already has residential on-road parking. Accidents on the A249 sadly are frequent with Police diverting the traffic on to the Maidstone Road/Chestnut Street. An increase in parking further down in this area will create gridlock.